



Scholarship Information

Byrne Creek Community School

Who, me? Yes, you!



**How much money in
scholarships did Byrne Creek
Grads earn last year?**

A. \$60,000

B. \$100,000

C. \$255,600

D. \$400,000

Answer:

D!

Types of Scholarships

1. Ministry of Education
2. Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI's)
3. Private Organizations
4. Byrne Creek Community School



Ministry of
Education

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- A. Dogwood/District Authority Scholarships - **\$1250**
- B. BC Excellence Scholarship - **\$5000**
- C. BC Achievement Scholarship - **\$1250**
- D. Pathway to Teacher Education School - **\$5000**

A. Dogwood Scholarships - \$1250

- Applied Skills, Fine Arts, Community Service, Physical Activity, Languages, Tech and Trades, Indigenous Language and Culture
- **Requirements**
 - Concentration of 5 courses leading to a career in that area
 - At least C+ (2.5 GPA)
 - Good attendance and attitude
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - **23** grads at Byrne were awarded this last year



B. BC Excellence Scholarship- \$5000

- Recognizes 55 students in BC for excellence in community service in and out of school
 - commitment to their chosen career
- **Requirements:**
 - School must nominate student
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - BC resident
 - B average; C+ average in certain courses
 - Complete resume
 - Two references

C. BC Achievement Scholarships - \$1250

- Recognizes 3000 BC Grads with **highest** cumulative average requirements based on courses required for graduation from grades 10-12
- **Requirements:**
 - At least 73% in English 12 or Communications 12
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - BC Resident
 - Ministry will determine recipients based on **marks**

D. Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - \$5000

- Recognizes 20 Grads who want to be a teacher
- **Requirements:**
 - Must who evidence of commitment to and aptitude for a teaching career
 - Maintain B average in all courses with no more than one grade 12 course at the C+ level
 - Resume
 - Two reference letters

Ministry Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Application Required?	Application Process	Winners Selection by	Vouchers mailed (after graduation)
Dogwood/ District Authority	\$1250	Yes	Student applies to through school in May	District , validated by Ministry	December
BC Excellence	\$5000	Yes	School selects nominee to apply to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September
BC Achievement	\$1250	No	None	Ministry	October
Pathway to Education	\$5000	Yes	Student applies to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September

2. Sponsored by Post-Secondary Institutions

Scholarships

- Most are due in February
- Mostly based on marks
- Major awards often require “other” involvement
- Student writes academic and personal profile



Bursaries

- Must demonstrate financial need
- Need must be above and beyond “ordinary”



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3. Sponsored by Private Organizations

- Community involvement
- Interests or skills
- See our website for updates
 - Ex. Horatio Alger, TD Canada Trust, Remax Quest for Excellence, AES...
- Contact your consulate if your family is not from Canada
- Ask your parents' place of work

4. Sponsored by Byrne Creek

- Provided by donations
- Set up for various reasons
- **Thousands** of dollars are available in this category
 - Example: PAC, Leo Club, Student Government, Athlete of the Year, Byrne Creek Alumni, VPA, Department awards...

Helpful Websites for Financial Aid

- www.scholartree.ca
- <http://www.studentawards.com>
- <http://www.schoolfinder.com>
- <http://www.fastweb.com/canada>
- <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>
- <http://www.achievebc.ca>
- <http://www.pas.bc.ca/resources/financial.htm>
(apply online)
- <http://www.edupass.org> (for students bound for the United States)

Reference Letters

- Very important that the letter indicates
 - SPECIFICS of what you did
 - How often you volunteered/worked
 - Number of hours you contributed
- Provide your referee with your “bragging sheet”
 - Template is provided for you
- Give your referee 2 weeks to write a **good** letter for you



External Applications



- Follow the instructions on the application
- You are responsible for gathering info
- You are responsible for meeting the deadline
- You are responsible for mailing the application
- Send the applications **before** the deadline.
They will **not** look at your application if it arrives on the due date.

Internal Applications



The Byrne Creek Scholarship Committee will look very closely at your:

- Personal profile
- Extracurricular involvement
- Financial need
- Marks from grades 10-12
- Special circumstances
- Reference letters

Why bother to apply?



- There are **millions** of dollars out there for scholarships... you just have to look for it
- the scholarships are often given as a cheque **DIRECTLY** to you
- There are scholarships for **every** kind of student from academic, ACE-IT, the Arts, Applied Skills to Physical Education and more
- Most scholarships want a lot of volunteerism in the school and community rather than grades.

Why bother with the *long* applications?



- They ask about the most significant things you have **learned**
- They get you to **think** about what is most important to you
- They get you to **think** about what you want... not just what career you think you want to do
- The applications encourage you to pause and **reflect** on your life
- They help you know yourself better

What do you need to do now?

1. Complete a Student Profile Sheet
2. Follow @MsFalsettoByrne for Scholarship Updates
3. Check <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/byrnekreek-scholarships/>
4. Start Googling BC Scholarships to see what's out there
5. Type Ms. Falsetto's email into your contacts:
laida.falsetto@burnabyschools.ca

Timeline: take a picture of this slide

Month	To Do
October/November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete Personal Profile<ul style="list-style-type: none">– hand in to Ms. Falsetto before the end of term 1- Check if your parents' work offer scholarships- Prepare your resume- Line up teacher references- Check Byrne Creek Scholarship website and @MsFalsettoByrne regularly for updates- Search internet for financial aid- Start applying for scholarships 😊
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Apply for major entrance scholarships to PSI, where necessary
January/February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch for announcements from PSI's- Update your Personal Profile with Ms. Falsetto
March/April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keep your eyes open for PSI announcements- Make sure Ms. Falsetto has your Personal Profile- Many applications are due- Send thank you cards to those who awarded you with a scholarship!
May/June	Tell Ms. Falsetto when you have won an award